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Laurel Man Sentenced to Consecutive Life Sentences Plus 51 Years in December 2016 Double Shooting

A 21-year-old Laurel man has been sentenced to two, consecutive life sentences plus 51 years for the December 2016 armed robbery and double shooting that resulted in the death of a 20-year-old Columbia man. Davon Philip Jones, of the 9200 block of Bridle Path Lane, was found guilty of all charges, last November following a five-day trial and was sentenced in Howard County Circuit Court on Thursday afternoon.

On December 18, 2016, police were dispatched to the 9400 block of Woodsong Court for a report of gunshots fired. Officers found Kaiyon Stanfield, 20, sitting in the front passenger seat of a compact sedan, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Nearby, they located his cousin, Khalil Stanfield, 21, also suffering from gunshot wounds. Kaiyon Stanfield was airlifted to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center and was subsequently pronounced dead. Khalil Stanfield was also transported to Shock Trauma and was treated.

At sentencing, prosecutors acknowledged trial testimony that the Stanfield cousins drove to the Laurel townhome parking lot to sell a quarter-pound of marijuana to their assailants who were seated in the rear seat. Jones was convicted of delivering the fatal gunshot to the back of Kaiyon Stanfield's head and shooting Khalil Stanfield twice in the back after Stanfield bolted from the car. Jones co-defendant, Derrick Charles Johnson, 20, of the 3900 block of Warner Avenue, Hyattsville, was convicted in the shooting of Kaiyon Stanfield and a firearms violation following a separate trial, last month, and will be sentenced April 26.

Kaiyon's mother addressed the court and Jones during her victim impact statement. "My life was changed; I'm not the same person I was," she stated. "What you did to my son has broken my heart and my son's and my husband's (hearts)." She recalled the last conversation she had with her son, "It haunts me, it haunts me, and I still don't know why." Assistant State's Attorney Danielle Duclaux added, "The State can't answer that question." Jones offered an apology, prior to sentencing, but contended that he had been framed.

Judge Richard S. Bernhardt stated that based on the pre-sentencing investigation, along with social media videos and photographs presented into evidence, "I have significant concerns that you will ever be rehabilitated." He sentenced Jones to life without parole for the murder of Kaiyon Stanfield plus a consecutive life sentence for the attempted murder of Khalil Stanfield. Jones also received consecutive sentences of 20 years for conspiracy to commit armed robbery, 20 years for armed robbery, 10 years for use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and one year for possession of a firearm by a person under age 21.

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